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## Banks.

### NOTICE. RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- Interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business" is forwarded by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book, are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000  
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$ 500,000  
OR DIVIDEND.....  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF "BANK OF PRINCIPALS".....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASSON.  
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HONGKONG.—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. MANAGER.  
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HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1885. 2120

### THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000  
PAID-UP.....£ 500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,  
40, THRAKENBURY STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:  
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.  
H. A. HERBERT,  
Manager,  
Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, July 4, 1885. 1123

### NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1886. 14

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. FRANCISCO MAREDO CON- SALVES in the Firm of Messrs. ROZARIO & Co., CRAMED on the 31st December last. The BUSINESS will in future be carried on by the Undersigned alone, under the SAME Style as heretofore.

AUGUSTO JOSE DE ROZARIO.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1886. 14

### NOTICE.

MR. C. HEYMANN will TAKE CHARGE of our Yokohama and Kobe Firms. Messrs. SIEMSEN & Co. have been appointed our Agents in Hongkong and China.

OPPENHEIMER FRERES.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1886. 252

### NOTICE.

MR. THEODOR VON DER HEYDE, of Hamburg, and Mr. GOTTFRIED BRUNO ROBERT BROKER, of Hongkong, have this Day been Admitted PARTNERS in our Firms in HAMBURG and HONGKONG.

SANDER & Co.  
Dated 2nd February, 1886. 230

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fifth Ordinary Annual MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Peddar's Street, at Twelve o'Clock, Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 17th February, 1886, to receive a Statement of the Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1885, and the Report of the General Managers, also to discuss any matters that may be competently brought before the Meeting. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to 17th February, 1886, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1886. 212

### HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that immediately after the above Ordinary Annual Meeting an EXTRAORDINARY General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, for the purpose of passing a special Resolution to amend the articles of Association by striking out Article 34 and substituting in lieu thereof an article providing for the subdivision of the existing shares of the value of \$100 each of the said Company.

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation at a special resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting to be subsequently convened.

Dated Hongkong, 20th day of January, 1886.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
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### LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourth Ordinary Annual General MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Peddar's Street, on SATURDAY, the 20th February current, at Half-past Three o'Clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1885.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 20th Instant, inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 246

### HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventeenth Ordinary Annual MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Peddar's Street, on TUESDAY, the 23rd February instant, at 2.30 p.m., to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1885, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 23rd day of February instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 247

### THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, 20th February, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts, including a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th to 20th February, inclusive.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1886. 211

### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Peddar's Street, on SATURDAY, the 20th Instant, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1885.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 9th to the 20th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1886. 249

## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE A FULL STOCK OF  
New Saddlery and Saddlers' Goods,

Comprising:—  
JOCKEY WHIPS.  
DRIVING WHIPS.  
DOG WHIPS.  
SINGLE SNAFFLE BRIDLES.  
DOUBLE SNAFFLE BRIDLES.  
WEYMOUTH BRIDLES, BITS and BRADDOONS.  
MARTINGALES.  
SURCINGLES.  
BODY ROLLERS.  
HORSE CLOTHING.  
WOOLLEN GIRTHS.  
CURRY COMBS.  
MANE COMBS.  
FLEETLOCK BOOTS.  
LADIES' HACK SADDLES.  
GENTLEMEN'S HACK SADDLES.  
RACING SADDLES.  
SADDLE CLOTHES.  
MILITARY BOX SPURS.  
HEAD COLLARS.  
HEMP HALTERS.  
STIRRUP LEATHERS.  
STIRRUP WEBBING.  
DRIVING REINS.  
HORSE BRUSHES.  
HORSE CLIPPERS.  
DRIVING GLOVES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, January 21, 1886. 145

### NOW READY.—PRICE, ONE DOLLAR.

### THE HONGKONG ALMANACK FOR 1886.

COMPILED BY  
BRUCE SHEPHERD,  
Consisting of 160 closely-printed Royal 8vo pages of Useful Information relating to the Colony, not otherwise accessible in any collected form.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.  
PUBLISHERS, HONGKONG.  
Hongkong, January 23, 1886. 156

### GREAT CLEARANCE SALE (FOR CASH).

### W. POWELL & Co.

WILL OFFER ON AND AFTER  
MONDAY NEXT, 1st February, 1886,  
WITH a View to make Room for NEW SPRING GOODS, a large portion of  
their STOCK at greatly reduced prices.

Also,  
THE SEASON'S ACCUMULATION OF REMNANTS,  
comprising:—  
REMNANTS OF SILKS, DRESS GOODS, PRINTS, CALICOES, LININGS, CLOTHES, FRANKS, CROTONES, KIDDERES, LACES, NEEDLEWORK, &c., &c., &c.

W. POWELL & Co.  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, JANUARY 30, 1886. 203

### ROBERT LANG & Co.,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

Scotch Tweed  
Suit,  
\$15.00.

While advertising our 'Specialties' we also wish to draw the attention of our Customers to our, now, complete Stock of  
TWEED SUITINGS, COATINGS, TROUSERINGS, SERGES, FLANNELS, &c. A large and choice selection of the newest FABRICS of English, Scotch and Continental Manufacture, from medium to the very finest qualities.

Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1771

### Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,  
Proprietors.  
Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

### Intimations.

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the Productions of the 'CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED', can henceforward be obtained by RETAIL, FOR CASH, at No. 3, PRINCE STREET, at the same prices as at the RETAILERS, or Retail Orders will be delivered at addresses in town on applications forwarding their Monthly Requirements in writing direct to the RETAILERS at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 1262

### NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in 1886, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

## Intimations.

### HONGKONG FLOWER SHOW.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held in the BOTANIC GARDENS, on  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,  
the 18th and 19th February, 1886.

All Exhibitors must be Entered not later than the 10th Instant, and PLANTS in Pots should be sent in on the 17th Instant.

Admission.—First Day, \$1; Second Day, 20 Cents.

Tickets for the First Day may be obtained from LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Schedules of Prizes can be obtained from  
W. M. B. ARTHUR,  
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 8, 1886. 260

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventeenth Ordinary MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, at THREE o'Clock in the AFTERNOON of TUESDAY, the 23rd February instant, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1885.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 23rd Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 248

### GRIFITH'S NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG.

NOW READY,  
1, DUDDELL STREET.

### GRIFITH & Co., MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON BRATED WATERS.

1, DUDDELL STREET,  
Continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE, GINGERBREAD, SWEETENED, RASPBERRY, &c., &c., &c.  
At the same Moderate Charges.

Hongkong, June 9, 1885. 957

### JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s PIERS AND GODOWNS, WEST POINT.

THESE are now in Working Order.—STEAMERS are berthed at the Wharves and CARGO RECEIVED and STORED at Cheap Rates.

The GODOWNS are two storied, dry, airy, and well suited for the STORAGE of SILK, COTTON and WOOLLEN PRIZE GOODS, as well as GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Advances made on Cargo stored. For Rates and further Particulars, apply to the MANAGERS.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2022

### CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.

Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VEGETARIAN CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES. RICHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES. ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE. Crystal and Co's ELECTRO-PLATED WARE. GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.

DIAMOND JEWELLERY, AND—  
DIAMOND JEWELLERY, A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

### HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

GENTLEMEN interested in RIFLE SHOOTING, desirous of joining the above Association, now in Course of Formation, are requested to send in their Names at once to any of the Members of the Provisional Committee, as per following List, or to the Hon. Sec.

General Gordon.  
Col. CRAWFORD, R.A.  
Col. FOSTER, Northamptonshire Regt.  
Lt. Col. ANDERSON, do.  
Major DENNISTON, do.  
Captain PORTER, A.D.C.  
Commander MORANT, R.N.  
The Hon. T. JACKSON.  
E. L. WOODS, Esq.  
G. E. NOBLE, Esq.  
H. J. H. TARR, Esq.

Subscription, - - - \$ 5 per annum.  
Life Members, - - - \$25 in full.

ALF. WOOLLEY,  
Hon. Sec. & Treas.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 251

### DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,  
(Formerly Assistant Surgeon and Lecturer ASSISTANT to Dr. ROGERS.)  
At the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROGERS,  
No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.  
Discount to missionaries and families. Sole Address:—  
2, DUDDELL STREET, (Next to the New Oriental Bank.)  
Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 69

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT of POLICE, to Sell by Public Auction, on  
FRIDAY,  
the 12th February, 1886, at 11 a.m., at the Central Police Station,

SUNDRY UNSERVICEABLE, CONFISCATED AND UNCLAIMED STORERS, &c., comprising:—  
UNIFORMS, GREAT COATS, HATS, BOOTS, SHOES, BLANKETS, CLOTHING, LAMPS, OLD IRON, &c., &c.

One 4-WHEEL POINT CARRIAGE, with LAMPS.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG,  
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 9, 1886. 273

## FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Quarts.....\$20 per Case of 1 doz. Pints....." 2 " 2 "

Dubos Freres & Gorn & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS and WHITE WINES. Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Brew' WHISKY, \$7 1/2 per Case of 1 doz. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

### NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LEITH, LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Denary, Capt. Le BOUTILLIER, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that the Steamer is berthed at Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s West Point Pier and Godown, and are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Optional Cargo for JAPAN Ports will be forwarded on unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 3rd Instant. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Cargo undelivered after the 10th Instant will be subject to auction.

All Claims must be sent into the Undersigned before 4 p.m. of the 13th Instant, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 239

### UNION LINE. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Rhosina, Captain GIBB, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 15th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1886. 250

### FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Glenara, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4.30 p.m. To-day, the 6th Instant. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th Instant will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 6, 1886. 250

### STEAMSHIP OZU.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, Antwerp, Havre and Bordeaux, ex Steamships Melos and Diamond, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 4 p.m. To-day (Sunday), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after Monday, the 15th February, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges at 1 cent per package per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 15th Instant, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 8, 1886. 264

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-CHOW, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Tyne, Capt. BANNER, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 11th Inst., at Daylight.







The following passengers are booked for the Far East:—

Per P. & O. steamer *Shannon*.—For Hongkong.—From London, Jan. 13: Mr. W. Dany, Mr. S. Macleay, Surg. Crowley, Lieut. H. Vickers.—For Shanghai.—From London, Jan. 13: Mr. W. Dany, Mr. S. Macleay, Surg. Crowley, Lieut. H. Vickers.—For Yokohama.—From London, Jan. 21: Mrs. Thomas, infant and maid.  
Per P. & O. steamer *Siam*.—For Yokohama (via Bombay).—From London, Jan. 13: Mr. and Mrs. Marshall.  
Per P. & O. steamer *Delaware*.—For Yokohama.—From London, Jan. 27: Mrs. Polo, infant and maid.  
Per P. & O. steamer *Adin*.—For Nagasaki.—From London, Feb. 2: Rev. H. Mundrell, Mrs. Mundrell, family and governess.  
Per M. M. steamer *Savannah*.—For Shanghai.—From London, Jan. 17: Mr. L. Hallward, Mr. Bourman, General Chanoine.

Mrs. Edward Blair Mitchell, M.A., of the Chancery Bar, has been appointed to the office of Legal Adviser to the Crown of Siam. The office is a new one, instituted by the present King of Siam, with the chief object, we believe, of domestic reform, more especially in matters of a legal nature. Mr. Mitchell is the eldest son of the late Principal of Hertford College, Oxford. He was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple in 1880, after taking as a Demy of Magdalen College, a First Class in Classical Moderations and a First Class in the then united Final School of Law and History. He was then appointed Lecturer on Law and History at Hertford College. He is also a Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.). He is a well-known and successful barrister, and has been successful in many of his younger days, having, among other things, carried off the amateur boxing championship and the Diamond and Wingfield sculls. He has left London, on his way to Bangkok.

A JAPANESE native paper circulates the following statement; we hope it is untrue:—Some foreigners now lodging in the neighbourhood of Sanmoyia are attempting, so we hear, to employ a number of Japanese women, aged between eighteen and twenty-five for a term of years. It is said the pretext is put forward that they want to take the women to England to act as nurses, but the real object is to place the poor creatures in houses of ill-fame at Hongkong, Singapore, &c. Strict inquiry should be made in this and similar cases, and ample security exacted from foreign employers that they will perform any agreement entered into. The better plan, however, would be for the women to remain at home.

FROM all accounts to hand (says the *Rangoon Gazette*) from Mandalay, the anarchy existing in Upper Burma has been due to much to starvation and distress as to any other cause. Before our forces arrived in Mandalay we should have made up our minds as to what we intended doing with the country. Theobald's army too, which was supposed to have been disarmed, was allowed to go off to join the rebels. All the firearms taken away from them at Awa were, we learn, only 600 in number. What became of the other thousands, and why they were not captured will remain a mystery for many times to reveal. But be that as it may, it appears to us that to pacify the country the first and most important step we have to take is to find such employment for the destitute and the needy, in the form of relief public works, as will leave them no reasonable excuse for resorting to dacoity as a refuge from destitution and starvation. If when we first entered Mandalay we had given employment to the members of Theobald's army as policemen or guards, and guaranteed them a certainty of pay, the rebellion or dacoity in Upper Burma would have been reduced to a minimum. But when, in addition to the uncertainty of the fate of the country, 10,000 men, unaccustomed to anything like hard labour, are sent adrift into the world, to shift for themselves, it is not surprising that dacoity and crime in Upper Burma, and especially in the immediate vicinity of Mandalay, should arise like a storm-wave and threaten to sweep all before it, and set on foot public works and induce the Burmese to undertake the work; the certainty of regular pay will soon have its due effect upon a race accustomed to be cheated and too often forced to labour against their will, and without remuneration. A beginning should be at once made.

As once the most curious and most prosperous of London agencies is perhaps that presided over at 17, Southampton Row, W. C., by Mr. Henry Romiecke. It is the offspring of a shrewd estimate of humanity's weaker side. The greatest of mortals, Mr. Romiecke, argued, have one failing. They like to know what other people say of them, and this, which is only a failing with the great, becomes a passion with mediocrity. Mr. Romiecke, therefore, started an agency simply for the purpose of supplying subscribers with cuttings "from every newspaper in the world" relating to themselves. A raving writer gave an article in the first time into a leading London paper, a candidate makes an election address, or a philanthropist sends a donation to a charity—next day from the hundred-eyed office in Southampton Row comes a letter enclosing one flattering notice of the literary, dramatic, political, or benevolent achievement, and suggesting that for a very moderate subscription the writer, actress, politician, or philanthropist will be kept regularly supplied with all public notices of himself or herself as the case may be. So far Mr. Romiecke's agency might be regarded as an unmixt good. Public opinion is valuable, in that it is so important, and to take the case of the politician, he might derive much wholesome benefit from the comparison of the adulterous leading article in the *Standard* with the three-line scurrilous in *Truth*, or the bare notice of an unimportant man in the *Times*. So with the actress. But the latest development added to Mr. Romiecke's agency is not without a touch of terror. He announces that he has been instrumental in obtaining for several of his clients £500, £1,000, and even £20,000 damages for libellous paragraphs, which without his aid might not have been under their notice. The weak desire of gratification, which is the basis of the agency, is supplemented by another, the desire of revenge when others say things which are not kind; and it must be an ever-present temptation on the mind of the paragraphical satirist that a little of the same up-aloft in the second floor of 17, Southampton Row, looking after the damages of those to whom his paragraphs refer. If the new development of the

agency prospers, many a light-hearted libeller will pause before "letting off" his scathing sentence he knows so well to pen, as a vision rises before him of a busy clerk next day enclosing that same sentence in an envelope and despatching it posthaste to the scathed victim.

AMERICAN papers state that an aerolite, or meteoric stone, which caused a loud detonation, heard throughout the greater part of Washington and Alleghany counties, Pa., on Dec. 5, fell upon the farm of Mr. Buckland, in Jefferson township, Washington County, near the West Virginia line. A mail carrier states that, looking up, he saw, moving high above him, a huge mass, which he described as resembling a great coal of fire as large as the largest tree he ever saw. There appeared to be attached to it an immense flame of a deep red colour, which tapered off into a darker tail. Instantly the noise which accompanied it ceased; and the fire-like appearance, the flame, and the tail disappeared, and in their stead the stone assumed a white hue, which it retained until it passed out of sight. When the stone fell it broke into three pieces, but did not penetrate the earth to any great depth, as two thirds of it remained above ground. It is greyish in colour, with a succession of red streaks, is irregular in form, and at least fifty feet in diameter.

The following letter to *The Times* relates to the complaint that steamers often charge less freight to New York and the Continent than to London when clearing from Chinese ports.—London, Dec. 28.—Sir,—In your Money Article on the 23rd inst. you drew attention to the practice of steamers charging less freight to New York and the Continent than to London when clearing from Chinese ports.—London, Dec. 28.—Sir,—In your Money Article on the 23rd inst. you drew attention to the practice of steamers charging less freight to New York and the Continent than to London when clearing from Chinese ports.

#### MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The members of the Legislative Council met this afternoon. There were present:—H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (W. H. Marsh), President; His Honour Sir George Phillips, Chief Justice; Hon. F. Stewart, Acting Colonial Secretary; Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney General; Hon. A. Lester, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. J. M. Price, Surveyor General; Hon. P. Ryrie; Hon. W. Keewick; Hon. T. Jackson; Hon. F. D. Sassoon; Hon. Wong Shing.

THE MINUTES of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### THE REGULATION OF THE PRINTING OF NEWS.

PAPERS AND BOOKS.

The Attorney General moved that the Council resume the consideration in Committee of the Ordinance to regulate the printing of Newspapers and Books and the keeping of printing presses within the Colony, which was postponed or adjourned at the last meeting. The adjournment had taken place as he understood in order to enable him to inform the Council with reference to the state of the English law regulating matters of this kind. He might state that the regulations which now prevailed in England in regard to the printing of newspapers and the returns and registration required in connection therewith, were of a different character from those embodied in this Ordinance, and were not on the whole he thought so stringent. Certainly the penalties were not so stringent as those proposed by their local Ordinance. The printer had not, as here, merely to make one return which was good so long as the facts of the case were not contradicted by the continued, but he was obliged to make periodical returns for which the penalty for neglect was £25, and if he made any misrepresentation the penalty was £100. The English law provided that in the event of any change of proprietor a return should be made, and there was a provision of another kind which required that every one printing a paper should keep one copy with the name thereon of the person by whom he is employed—one copy of every paper issued every day. He was required to produce this to a Justice of the Peace when called upon to do so, or to a Justice of the Peace when called upon to do so, or to a Justice of the Peace when called upon to do so.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL said in further explanation of the utility of the clause he would instance a case in which a serious prosecution might be instituted under the provisions of the Section. And this case might serve to explain to the Council the absolute necessity for imposing no limit of time such as was suggested. Let them suppose that the publisher of a newspaper in the Colony went away for four or five days to Canton or Macao. In his absence some person who was left in charge might insert a series of very libellous articles upon some person in the Colony which might very seriously affect his business there, perhaps in trade or otherwise. This injured person might say, for the sake of his character, and for the sake of his business he must at once proceed to institute proceedings against the printer and publisher. He goes to the Registry and he says, "I want to sue who is the printer and publisher of this paper in order that I may go against him." The book is taken over and he is told, "There you will find the registered name of the printer and publisher of this paper." He goes to his solicitor and he says, "There is the name of the printer and publisher, but now institute proceedings against him." "Yes," says the solicitor, "it would be well if he was the printer and publisher, but I

happen to know that he was away at Canton or Macao. It is no use instituting proceedings against him. He has left some body behind, and if you can find out who that man is, then you can take action." Now by the provision of this Ordinance the name of that temporary printer or publisher should be contained in the register. But suppose it happened that the name of the man was not on the register, the libelled person would naturally go to the permanent printer and publisher and say, "I know that you are a respectable man and are not responsible for those statements. Please inform me who held your place in your absence in order that I may go against him." He did not say that the printer would in all cases refuse, but in their experience of such cases they knew it was likely. The injured person, however, could go to the Registry and say, "You must inform me the real offender, or I will sue you for not doing so." There is no use of prosecuting unless I know who to prosecute. 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## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late arrivals and departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into ten sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked a., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
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4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Pender's Wharf.

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